

Remarks:

1. One paragraph in the specification and two drawings have been amended to correct inconsistencies between the specification and the drawings.
2. Claim 5 and its base claim along with all intervening claims have been combined into claim 1 per the Examiner's recommendation. In addition, the 35 USC 112 rejections pointed out by the Examiner in original claims 2 and 4 have been corrected in the amended claim 1. In addition, the limitation of original claim 4 has been changed to read "non-magnetic" instead of "non-metallic". The specification uses "non-magnetic" throughout (page 2, line 25; page 7, line 21; page 9, line 14; page 10, line 31). Claim 1 should now be in condition for allowance.
3. Claims 2-5 have been cancelled.
4. Claim 6 now depends on allowable claim 1 and should thereby be allowable.
5. Claim 7 now depends on allowable claim 6 and should thereby be allowable.
6. Claims 8-11 now depend on allowable claim 1 and should thereby be allowable.
7. Claim 12 depends on allowable claim 11 and should thereby be allowable.
8. Claim 13 depends on allowable claim 12 and should thereby be allowable.
9. Claims 14-15 depend on allowable claim 1 and should thereby be allowable.
10. Claims 16-24 have been cancelled.

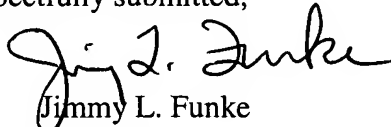
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Applicants appreciate the Examiner's detailed consideration of the application and believe that the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and look forward to a timely Notice of Allowance.

Although no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0831 for any fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimmy L. Funke", is written over the printed name.

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